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## Changes to Configure Rankings

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The annual review of player activity in Configure Rankings has now taken place and the following grading adjustments have been made as of August 1st.

### Inactive players

Adult players who have not played in the last year (i.e. since July 31st 2014) have been adjusted as follows:

- If the player currently has zero Grade Wins then drop a grade and set on base points with zero wins. E.g. S6-1820-0w drops to S7-1500-0w
- Otherwise drop the player to their current grade's base points. E.g. S6-1925-1w drops to S6-1800-0w

Singles and doubles are treated separately and it does not apply to Grades 10-12.

About 15,000 players have been adjusted.

Anyone who has not played a singles or doubles match for 6 years has also been deactivated (i.e. Status changed to Inactive). About 10,000 players were in this category. These players remain in the database and can be reactivated if they join a club and start playing competitively again. However, when reactivating a player it is a good time to review the player's grading and request an adjustment if necessary.

### Active but under performing players

It is also intended to adjust downwards adult players who have struggled in their current grade. This will be done as at the August 15th Update according to the following criteria...

Adult players who have been active in the last year but

- have remained in the same Grade all year and
- have had no Grade Wins (i.e. no wins against players at same or higher grade) and
- have had more than one Grade Loss (i.e. losses against players at the same or lower level) will be adjusted as follows
  - a. If the player currently has zero Grade Wins then drop a grade and set on grade mid points with two wins. E.g. S6-1820-0w drops to S7-1650-2w
  - b. Otherwise drop the player to their current grade's base points. E.g. S6-1925-1w drops to S6-1800-0w

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There will be about 650 performance adjustments for singles players and 850 for doubles.

In future, performance adjustments will be made twice a year at the end of July and of December.

No doubt there will be some anomalies. E.g. a player may be inactive because they are overseas on a college scholarship. Where necessary a readjustment can be submitted to correct such anomalies.

### Other Changes

The double grade win in Singles matches, for beating a higher graded opponent, will from now on only apply to matches at Junior Masters tournaments. It had the desired effect of moving players up quickly but it was often too generous especially for interclub matches where the player gradings are sometimes not as accurate.

### Minimum required match formats

Now that grading promotion is based on Grade Wins it is more important that the Wins are properly earned. Up until now, a mixture of formats has been allowed and there has been a trend towards many short matches, sometimes in one afternoon. A new guideline on this will be made available this month. The starting point is that best of 3 sets or 2 sets and a 3rd set tiebreaker will be the requirement for matches to be counted for Configure Rankings. A one set match will not be acceptable however, it is recognised that some junior interclub is played to 1 set and that will still be acceptable for the coming season. Best of 3 short sets to 4 will be acceptable for junior interclub and tournaments. Feedback on this welcome.